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ELECTRIFICATION PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

During the first half of 1949, electric power production capacity in Bosnia and Herzegovina rose by 105 percent, as compared with 1945. This year power production in this republic is 80 kilowatt hours per capita, as compared with 62 in 1948 and 43 in 1939.

The electric nets of municipal power plants have increased by 59 percent over 1939, and the number of families obtaining electric lighting through municipal power plants has increased by 63 percent. Before the war, only 10 percent of the families in Bosnia and Herzegovina had electric lighting. Over 150 remote villages have already been electrified.

In 1947, a hydroelectric power plant was put into operation at Bogatic, near Sarajevo.

A system of hydroelectric power plants now being built at the confluence of the Rama and the Neretva will supply power to operate many factories, including an aluminum factory. Above Konjic a dam 80 meters high will form a lake 30 kilometers long.

Large hydroelectric power plants with an output ranging from 10,000 to 150,000 kilowatt-hours are being built on the Sana, Vrbas, Drina, Una, Pliva, Preca, and Neretva rivers.

This year two more hydroelectric power plants will be put into operation: one at Vlasenica on 24 July, and one at Metkica on 29 November.

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Powerful thermoelectric plants which generate kilowatt-hours are under construction in Bosnia under the Five-Year Plan in the Banat, Kreka, Mostar, and Tuznica coal-mining areas. Waste, which has never been utilized in the past,

Nearly 4 million kilowatt-hours per year are generated by local sources of power in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Thus far, 460 kilometers of high-tension transmission lines have been built, and of the 250 more kilometers under construction this year, most has been finished. The high-tension transmission lines already completed include the Zenica - Doboj, Tuzla - Bijeljina - Kreka, Vlasenica - Sokolac - Mesici, Bogatci - Sarajevo, and Sarajevo - Jahorina lines.

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